

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD FOR SENDING A MESSAGE THROUGH A FIREWALL, the specification of which was filed as International Application No. PCT/FI00/00075 on February 3, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). If this is a continuation-in-part application filed under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. § 120 which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application, I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed		
<u>990265</u> (Number)	<u>Finland</u> (Country)	<u>10 February 1999</u> (Day/Month/Year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [ ] Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations,

§ 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(not applicable)      (n/a)      (not applicable)  
(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status: patented,  
pending, abandoned)

The undersigned hereby authorizes Rolf Fasth, the U.S. attorney named herein, to accept and follow instructions from Innopat Ltd. and/or Paivi Söderman as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between Rolf Fasth and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, Rolf Fasth will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby appoint Rolf Fasth, Registration No. 36,999, to prosecute this application, to file a corresponding international application, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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